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News and Events

Hispanic Heritage Month Festivities

The annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month continues at GSU features music, food, a presentation, and other activities.

- During the Flag Contest, the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee invites you to test your knowledge. Entry forms are available at the Welcome Center; completed entries must be received no later than September 30.
- On Thursday, September 30, the ALAS Club will sponsor a taco sale from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- On Tuesday, October 5, Mexican folk dancers will perform from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.
- A program on Wednesday, October 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, will examine the influence of Latin music and the history of Hispanic contributions to music. The program will include a live performance by a Latin music group.
- A taco sale on Tuesday, October 5 from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Steak, chicken, and pork tacos will be sold for \$1.50 each. On Wednesday, October 6, a tamale sale is scheduled from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Prices are \$12 per dozen, or \$1 for each tamale. For pre-orders, interested persons can contact [Angelica Hernandez](#) at 773.931.2888

Hispanic Heritage Month activities are sponsored by Student Life, Association of Latino American Students, and the Latino Center for Excellence.

Carlson Part of History - Again

Dr. Jon Carlson taught the first master's level class in counseling at GSU in 1971. It was part of the M.S. in Human Relations Services.



"There were no classrooms then. We were still in the warehouse, but it was new and very exciting. We were creating our own tradition," recalls Carlson.

Almost 40 years later, Carlson is part of another GSU first. He is teaching a class in the first doctoral program in the College of Education, the Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Carlson is gratified to see a doctoral program in counseling at GSU. "We were told we would never have a doctoral program here. We made proposal after proposal. We continually fought the policy. Now we have our first academic doctorate."

The doctoral program admits 12 students each year. Graduates will be qualified to teach at the university level.

Mental Illness Awareness Week

During Mental Illness Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center (ARC) will offer informational sessions and confidential depression screening at a series of events that are free and open to the public.

Mental Illness Awareness Week at GSU begins Monday, October 4, with an information session on Bipolar Disorder from 5 to 6 p.m., in Room B1215. An information session on Tuesday, October 5, focuses on Generalized Anxiety. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will be discussed on Wednesday, October 6. The Tuesday and Wednesday sessions also take place from 5 to 6 p.m., in Room B1215. Refreshments will be served at all three open sessions.

On Thursday, October 7, National Depression Screening Day will feature screening, from noon to 5 p.m., in Room B1215, and an information table from noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. The depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. The questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

ARC's Counseling Center is hosting Mental Illness Awareness Week Activities. ARC provides ongoing counseling services to GSU students. The Counseling Lab at Governors State University provides free, confidential services to adults, couples, and families.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

Bollywood Comes to GSU - For Free

Members of the GSU community can attend a free dress rehearsal tonight (Thursday) of *The Merchants of Bollywood*, a musical dance spectacular that has been a smash hit in Europe, Asia, and Australia. The dress rehearsal begins at 8 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. *The Merchants of Bollywood*, currently touring the U.S., will be presented Friday and Saturday at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.

The Merchants of Bollywood is loosely based on the real-life story of the Merchant family dynasty in India, whose members have been prominent choreographers and filmmakers since the beginning of the Hindi film industry in the 1920s. The musical has been described as "an Indian version of the Billy Elliot story." It was the first Bollywood production to tour straight from Film City in Mumbai.

No tickets are necessary for this performance. However, persons attending the dress rehearsal are asked to:

- Be on time and plan to stay for the entire performance of about two hours.
- Understand that there may be occasional interruptions in the flow of the show.
- Remain quiet during the show and any pauses that may occur during the show. Applause is acceptable at the end of each act.
- Not bring any food or drinks into the theatre. No concessions will be available.
- Not talk to the technical staff, cast, or any production personnel connected with the show.
- Turn off all cell phones while in the theatre.

No cameras, recorders, or video equipment will be allowed in the theatre.

Fall Sculpture Tours

The prairie setting, mixed with the autumn colors and the cooler temperatures, make October the perfect time to view the sculptures in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University. The park includes twenty-six sculptures by nationally and internationally recognized artists, including Mark diSuvero, Mary Miss, Bruce Nauman, Martin Puryear, and Richard Hunt. The sculptures are located along paved and unpaved pathways on the university grounds.



Free guided tours of the park will take place on Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, October 17, at 2 p.m. Tours begin on the patio behind the Hall of Governors in D wing at the university and last approximately one and a half hours. Comfortable footwear is recommended as there is extensive walking and occasionally the paths are uneven.

Visit the [Sculpture Park website](#) or call ext. 4486 for more information.

Intellectual Life Grants Available

Intellectual Life Grants are again being awarded for events at GSU that promote the arts, humanities, and other intellectual pursuits.

Interested persons have until October 29 to apply for up to \$500 to help fund events taking place next year between January 24 and April 29. Grants may be used for events such as lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, can apply for grants. GSU students are the primary audience for these events, although they should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection criteria include: value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life, strategies for promoting the event, whether events can be completed within the Spring 2011 semester, and feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding. Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or to purchase hardware or software.

The accompanying form should be completed in Microsoft Word and submitted to Committee Chair [Diane Dates Casey](#). She should also be contacted for further information about Intellectual Life Grants. Award winners will be notified by November 19.

[Download Info Letter and Application](#)

CBPA Grad Program Open House

The College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, October 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on graduate programs in business administration, public administration, management information systems, and accounting, as well as admission requirements and financial aid will be presented. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators to have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. The \$50 application fee will be waived for applicants who apply and submit official transcripts at the open house. A continental breakfast will be served.

For more information or to RSVP by Thursday, October 7, call 708.534.4391.

Volunteers For Table Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis returns to GSU this fall with a new team and the first major competition of the year on November 20. The NCTTA Regional Tournament will be held at GSU with teams from colleges and universities competing in the GSU Rec and Fitness Center gym.

To help make this a successful event, volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, registration personnel, runners, and scorekeepers. You don't need to know how to play table tennis to help. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt to wear on the day of the event and are asked to pair it with black pants and tennis shoes.

Volunteer orientation will be held before the tournament begins, on November 20, at 8 a.m. Students, faculty, and staff are all eligible to volunteer. To sign up or for more information, contact [Karen Caesar Smith](#) at 708.534.6360.

Hispanic Heritage Profile - Antonia C. Novello

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is providing little-known facts about the contributions of Hispanics in the United States.

In 1990, Antonia Novello became both the first Hispanic and the first woman to be appointed as Surgeon General, the chief doctor in the United States.

As a child, Novello experienced chronic illness. She never forgot that experience. As surgeon general, Novello campaigned for better care for children. She also paid special attention to the problems of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS, and violence.

